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SECOND PHASE OF ELECTIONS REPORTED

Commission Meets in Prague

Prague, Czechoslovak Home Service, June 6, 1960, 2100 GMT--L
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(Summary) The Central Election Commission of the National Front for elections to the National Assembly and national committees held its third session in Prague June 6. Comrade Oldrich Cernik, deputy chairman of the commission, reported on the progress of the second phase of the election campaign. He expressed his appreciation of the great political and organizational work done by volunteer workers, members of elections commissions and agitators, organizations of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, as well as by all social organizations of the National Front.

Cernik stated that during the second phase of the election campaign until the end of May, more than 40,000 election meetings had taken place. In the election 411,000 agitators worked.

Comrade Peter Poruben, chairman of the Slovak Election Commission, informed the Central Election Commission of the progress of the second phase of the election campaign in Slovakia regions. The Secretary of the Central Election Commission, Comrade Jiri Salga, submitted a proposal for organizing the work by the Central Election Commission on polling day. The commission, which was conducted by its chairman Comrade Rudolf Barak, and also attended by chairman of the Regional Election commissions, discussed submitted reports and decided on ways and means of fulfilling further tasks which are still outstanding prior to the elections.

Barak Speaks at Rally

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Report on a speech made at an election rally in Blansko on June 5 by Comrade Rudolf Barak, Politburo member of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party)

(Text) This year's elections come at an exceptionally important period. The struggle for peace has flared up with new intensity. The whole world is alarmed by the exposure of U.S. war provocations on the very threshold of the summit conference.

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The recent dramatic events leave nobody in doubt about the fact that the present U.S. Government does not want a relaxation of international tension, even less the elimination of war from the life of nations. In this situation it was vital that the aggressive U.S. militarists receive the lesson they deserved. Comrade Khrushchev was also fighting in Paris on our behalf as well as of others, particularly the small countries whom the imperialists had been used to treating as pawns on their power chessboard. We know they had no qualms about delivering our nation to the tender mercies of Hitler. We remember this well and there will be no new Munich.

Although America is far away beyond the ocean, the U.S. Army still carries out provocations on our Western border. For years U.S. planes have also been systematically violating our airspace. When we drew attention to such facts, when we made protests, they used to send contemptuous and offensive answers in reply. Only now have they shown their hand. Earlier they did not admit espionage but pretended to be as innocent as a lamb. When we arrested their spy, Gatis, they swore solemnly that this had only been a case of a curious newsman. When we shot down their spy balloons, they claimed that these had been carrying out harmless meteorological research. Nice research! These balloons, equipped, as it turned out, with special cameras, were endangering civil air traffic. As early as that time the U.S. ruling circles were exposed, and under pressure of world opinion they were compelled to stop sending spy balloons.

However, they retained a particular interest in geography. For instance, in July last year a U.S. diplomat, Dean Rugg, arrived in our country. This gentleman is active at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn as a geographical attaché. This excellent diplomat with a special cartographic education remained in our country for three weeks and attempted to procure all sort of plans and maps of towns, districts and regions. Only naive people could believe that he did it for peaceful or even scientific reasons. The so-called U.S. scientific attaches are guided by (word indistinct) military Central Intelligence Agency, CIA. Not too long ago a certain diplomat was serving in our country as second secretary of the U.S. Embassy. We caught him in an espionage rendezvous and expelled him. Today this honorable diplomat is working at the U.S. National Security Council.

The Central Intelligence Agency (two words indistinct) is at present constructing a huge building for 10,000 employees on the banks of the Potomac near Washington. This is a visible symbol of the U.S. espionage policy--or in plain words, espionage mania--which has seized the United States. They have already got a cosmic spy, and if they could, they would even make the Lord and all the saints engage in espionage. Here on earth the Pope helps (them in this?)